ST. AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTMINSTER

PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th October 2026



Building our faith.

"What is worth reflecting on in today's parable is not only what the tenants did, but the fact that they forgot who they were and to whom the vineyard belonged. The owner entrusted the vineyard to them, but they wanted to take possession of it as their own.

Could this also be a temptation for each of us? God gives us many gifts, yet we can easily begin to think that everything belongs to us: my time, my work, my possessions, and even my life. When this happens, we no longer think about bearing fruit for the owner of the vineyard.

What touches us is that the owner does not give up easily. He patiently sends one servant after another, and finally, he sends his own son. Yet the tenants still refuse him. God also continues to come to us, even when we have repeatedly closed our hearts to His voice. In the face of such love and patience, are our hearts truly open to Him?

God does not simply ask how much we have received, but what kind of fruit we have produced. This fruit is not measured by outward success, but by a life that responds to His love through concrete acts of love, forgiveness, and generosity.

Today, God places before us a simple yet profound question: **If the Lord came looking for fruit in my life, what would He find?**

May the Lord help us recognize that we are entrusted with His gifts, so that each day we may faithfully care for His vineyard and allow our lives to bear abundant and good fruit.

Francis Bùi CSSp

Prayer intentions of the Holy Father for October:

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

The Second Collection this weekend is for CAFOD . They are the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Please note:

Friday 2nd October is Family Fast day

Saturday 3rdOctober CAFOD is hosting a soup kitchen between 11am-1pm in the porch of the Church.

Making a gift in your will to your parish or the Spiritans as a lasting legacy could have an impact greater than you know – if you would like more information on why and how please get in touch with the parish office.

The church is open
Tues and Thu 9am-3pm
Sat 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sun for Masses.
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MASS TIMES

Monday: No Mass (Church Closed)
Fr. Patrick at Immigration Centre
Tuesday - Friday: 10am
Saturday: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10am, 1pm (Ge'ez Rite)
Holy Days of Obligation: 10am, 7pm

Dear Friend in Christ,

Welcome to St. Aidan's Church! Whether you are visiting for the first time, returning after some time away, or simply seeking a quiet moment with God, we are truly blessed by your presence. This is a sacred space where hearts are lifted, prayers are heard, and lives are renewed by the grace and love of our Lord.

Here in this house of prayer, we invite you to take time to reflect, to find peace in silence, and to open your heart to God, who knows you, loves you, and walks with you always. Whatever burdens you carry or joys you celebrate, know that you are not alone—God is with you, and we are here to walk with you in faith and fellowship.

Our community gathers regularly to celebrate the Holy Mass. You are most welcome to join us at any of our services

Each Mass is a moment to encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament, and to be strengthened as members of His Body.

If you have any questions or would like to speak with a priest or member of our parish team, please do not hesitate to reach out. May you find here a home of prayer, comfort and belonging.

With every blessing, From **Fr. Patrick Adusei Poku CSSp Parish Priest**

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Youth Corner

Our young people will be travelling to South Korea in 2027 for World Youth Day! If you would like to contribute, please bring your donations to the office marked World Youth Day.

The next youth meeting will be on Tuesday 13th October at 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall



CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

Baptism Preparation Course 2026: The next baptism course will take place on Mondays 12th Oct, 19th Oct and 9th Nov at 7-8:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. Parents must attend all three sessions. To register for the course, please go to the parish office and fill in the forms by Monday 5th October.

First Holy Communion: Application Forms are now available from the back of the church. Children in Year 3 or above are eligible to receive the sacrament in 2027. They must be baptised, or preparing for baptism, in order to enroll in the preparation classes. Classes will begin on the 11th October. Deadline for applications - Sunday 4th October 2026.

Confirmation 2027: Application Forms and attendance forms are now available from the back of the church. Young people in Year 10 and above are eligible to join the programme. Deadline - Sunday 11th October 2026.

Come and See: There will be a Diocese vocations morning for the Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate on Saturday 17th October at Ealing Abbey 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. To find out more or to register get in touch with Deacon Ian Edward: ianedwards@rcdow.org.uk or Canon Roger Taylor: vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk

Thanksgiving & Celebration Mass for Baptism: We are inviting the families who attended the Baptism Preparation Courses in Jan-June 2026 to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the baptism of their children on Sunday 18th October at 10.30am. Mass will be followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall to which all are invited. This is also an opportunity for the Parish Community to support and encourage our young parents in their commitment to nurture the faith life of their children within the Catholic community. To plan and prepare for the Thanksgiving Mass, the Baptism Team would like to meet with these parents on Monday 5th October at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Kids' Corner

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?

Matthew 23: 42



CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

The Newman Lecture 2026: *Media beyond the Moment*

Friday 9 October | 7.00pm | St Patrick's Catholic Church, Soho

How can Catholics engage well with the media of our own age - without reducing the faith to headlines and soundbites? What can Newman's remarkable life as a reader, writer and public Catholic voice teach us today about reading deeply, writing thoughtfully and engaging with today's media, not for clicks or entertainment but for the sake of evangelisation?

Join Br Alexander Bailey, CO for the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom's first ever Newman Lecture, exploring how St John Henry Newman used the media of his day - from student journalism and the *Tracts for the Times* to novels, pamphlets and periodicals - to communicate, defend and deepen the faith.

Doors open at 7.00pm for refreshments; lecture begins at 7.30pm, followed by Q&A.
St Patrick's Catholic Church, Soho Square, London W1D 4NR

Student discount tickets available.

Book tickets: guild-ransom.co.uk/events

LONDON CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP 30+

Would you like to meet more Catholics in London?
London Catholic Social Group 30+ organises friendly social events, walks, day trips and faith events throughout the year. New members are always very welcome, whether coming alone or with friends.
To find out more: WhatsApp Brendan: 07425 549408
Email:londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com
Instagram: @londoncatholicsocial

Running Club and Walking Club: the next monthly run/wask will be on Saturday 31st October. Please come and join us. We meet at 8am outside the church fand runners and walkers are invited to breakfast in the hall afterwards. All are welcome!



SPIRITAN NEWS

GAP YEAR VOLUNTEERING WITH 'JUST YOUTH' Are you 18 to 25 and wish to support young people in their holistic growth, discover and develop their talents through Chaplaincy and other outreach programs? Please contact Just Youth on www.justyouth.co.uk and apply.

Lay Spiritans: Any parishioner who is interested in becoming a lay Spiritan, please contact Fr. Patrick or the Parish Office. Visit spiritans.co.uk/lay-associate-spiritans/ for more info.

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SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is the responsibility of every member of the parish. If you are concerned that a child or vulnerable adult has been harmed or is at risk of harm, please dial 999. Otherwise, contact our Parish Safeguarding Liaison Claire Sheedy: actoneastsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

SACRAMENTS AT OUR PARISH

Baptism: Please go to the parish office to fill in the paperwork. You will need to attend the Baptism Preparation Course.
Marriage: Couples are required to give 6 months notice of marriage before the wedding and to fill out the necessary paperwork and attend a marriage course. Please call the office to set up a meeting with the priest to start the paperwork.
RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiations of Adults) Would you like to become a Catholic? You can pick up a registration form from the back of the church.
Holy communion and Confirmation: preparation classes take place once a year starting in the Autumn. Please talk to the office if you would like more information on the next class.



GETTING THE MOST OUT OF MASS

1. PREPARE: Arrive early, gather your thoughts in quiet, read through the readings, then be still and open your heart and mind to God in prayer. Remember to always give thanks to God and to be patient in prayer. In addition to your own prayers, please remember to pray for those on the Mass Intention list and those who have no one to pray for them.

2. PARTICIPATE: Join in the singing, the responses, the prayers and listen attentively to the Readings and the Homily.

3. BE RESPECTFUL: Don't use your phone, don't eat in church (except babies), and don't chat needlessly, we come to church to raise our hearts and minds to God. But please do feel free to socialise and chat after Mass. Tea and coffee is serve at the back of the church.

MASS & LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES

4th October 2026 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1st Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7 2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9 Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

Saturday 3rd October		
6:30 pm	People in the Parish	Special Intentions
Sunday 4th October	**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	
10am	Darek Sio Family	Good Health Intention Thanksgiving and special Intention
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	
Mon 5th October	**NO MASS**	
Tues 6th October		
10 am	For the young people in the Parish	Special Intentions
Wed 7th October	**Our Lady of the Rosary**	
10 am	For our sick parishioners	Good Health Intentions
Thurs 8th October		
10 am	For the musicians in the Parish	Special Intention
Friday 9th October	**Saint John Henry Newman, Priest and Doctor of the Church**	
10 am	Cristina Maroncelli	Good health Intention
Saturday 10th October		
6:30 pm	Elizabeth Morgan	R.I.P. Anniversary
Sunday 11th October	**TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	
10am	Eldora and Michael Mary Thompson	15th Wedding Anniversary R.I.P.
1pm	Ge'ez Rite	

The Angelus: This will be lead by a reader before the start of every Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 30 minutes before every Mass.

Confessions:
Weekdays 9.15am-9.45am
Saturdays 5.30pm-6.15pm

Legion of Mary: Every Friday after 10am Mass in the Sacristy.

Mass Intentions: Mass Intention envelopes are at the back of the church. You can use them for all your Mass intention requests. (£10 per intention). All intentions are published in the newsletter.
Please book early in advance and provide an alternative date to secure your intention.

Celebrations: Please let us know if you are celebrating a special anniversary or birthday so we can pray for you as a community and you can receive a blessing.

Home Visits: If you know someone in the parish, who would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office.

Any items for the newsletter need to be received by the office by Thursday 12pm of that week.